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project costs of \$200,000 or less, 5 points will be awarded.

(8) *Previous grantees and borrowers.* If an applicant has not been awarded a grant or loan under this program within the 2 previous Federal fiscal years, 5 points will be awarded.

(9) *Return on investment.* If the proposed project will return the cost of the investment in less than 4 years, 10 points will be awarded; 4 years up to but not including 8 years, 4 points will be awarded; or 8 years up to 11 years, 2 point will be awarded.

§ 4280.113 Insurance requirements.

Agency approved insurance coverage must be maintained for the life of the grant unless this requirement is waived or modified by the Agency in writing.

(a) National flood insurance is required in accordance with 7 CFR part 1806, subpart B, of this title, if applicable.

(b) Business interruption insurance is required except for projects with total eligible project costs of \$200,000 or less.

§ 4280.114 Laws that contain other compliance requirements.

(a) *Equal employment opportunity.* For all construction contracts and grants in excess of \$10,000, the contractor must comply with Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented by applicable Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR part 60). The applicant is responsible for ensuring that the contractor complies with these requirements.

(b) *Equal opportunity and non-discrimination.* The Agency will ensure that equal opportunity and non-discriminatory requirements are met in accordance with the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and 7 CFR 15d, Non-discrimination in Programs and Activities, conducted by USDA. The Agency will not discriminate against applicants on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, or age (provided that the applicant has the capacity to contract); to the fact that all or part of the applicant's income derives from public assistance program; or to the fact that the applicant has in good faith exercised any

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right under the Consumer Credit Protection Act.

(c) *Civil rights compliance.* Recipients of grants must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. This may include collection and maintenance of data on the race, sex, and national origin of the recipient's membership/ownership and employees. These data must be available to conduct compliance reviews in accordance with 7 CFR part 1901, subpart E, §1901.204 of this title. Initial reviews will be conducted after Form RD 400-4 is signed and all subsequent reviews every 3 years thereafter for loans. The last review shall occur 3 years after the date of loan closing. Grants will require one subsequent compliance review after the last disbursement of grant funds have been made, and the facility has been in full operation for 90 days.

(d) *Environmental analysis.* Subpart G of part 1940 of this title outlines environmental procedures and requirements for this subpart. Prospective applicants are advised to contact the Agency to determine environmental requirements as soon as practicable after they decide to pursue any form of financial assistance directly or indirectly available through the Agency.

(1) Any required environmental review must be completed by the Agency prior to the Agency obligating any funds.

(2) The applicant will be notified of all specific compliance requirements, including, but not limited to, the publication of public notices, and consultation with State Historic Preservation Offices and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

(3) A site visit by the Agency may be scheduled, if necessary, to determine the scope of the review.

(4) The applicant taking any actions or incurring any obligations during the time of application or application review and processing that would either limit the range of alternatives to be considered or that would have an adverse effect on the environment, such as the initiation of construction, will result in project ineligibility.